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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2011 No. 1567**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**The Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) (Amendment) Regulations 2011**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>21st June 2011</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>28th June 2011</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>25th July 2011</i>

The Secretary of State for Health is a Minister designated<sup>(1)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(2)</sup> in relation to the making of safety measures in regard to radioactive substances and the emission of ionising radiation.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of that Act:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 and shall come into force on 25th July 2011.

**Amendment**

2. At the end of regulation 3(a) (application) of the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2000<sup>(3)</sup> after “medical diagnosis or treatment” insert “, including any exposure of an asymptomatic individual”.

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(1) [S.I. 1977/1718](#); there are no relevant amendments.

(2) [1972 c.68](#); s. 2(2) is amended by the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act [2006 \(c.51\)](#), section 27(1)(a) and the European Union (Amendment) Act [2008 \(c. 7\)](#), section 3(3) and Schedule 1, Part 1.

(3) [S.I. 2000/1059](#); there are no relevant amendments.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

21st June 2011

*Anne Milton*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2000 (“the Principal Regulations”) which implement in part, as respects Great Britain, Council Directive 97/43/Euratom (OJ No L180, 9.7.97, p 22) laying down basic measures for the health protection of individuals against dangers of ionising radiation in relation to medical exposure. The Principal Regulations impose duties on those responsible for administering ionising radiation to protect persons undergoing medical exposure whether as part of their own medical diagnosis or treatment or as part of occupational health surveillance, health screening, voluntary participation in research or medico-legal procedures and these Regulations clarify an aspect of this.

Regulation 2 makes it explicit that individual health assessments of asymptomatic individuals fall within the ambit of regulation 3 (application) of the Principal Regulations.